

JOB TITLE: FIREFIGHTER/DRIVER & OPERATOR

DEPARTMENT: FIRE DEPARTMENT

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: FIRE CAPTAIN

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NATURE OF WORK

This is a “line” position responsible for driving and operating Fire Apparatus and equipment in addition to performing the duties of Firefighter. The work includes driving and operating fire apparatus in emergency and non-emergency situations; inspecting assigned apparatus and equipment to ensure proper order and working condition; issuing tools and equipment to fire personnel during emergencies and performing all duties of a Firefighter as required. Other major responsibilities include working in coordination with supervisors and the department mechanic to perform certain maintenance and minor repairs of assigned apparatus, including fire pumps, aerial equipment, and portable tools and equipment carried on apparatus. and equipment. The position also assists in the training and direction of personnel in the skills necessary for future filling of the position. The position maintains all fire suppression, rescue and ems related skills required of a firefighter and may perform any or all of those skills as directed. The position requires working in a hazardous atmosphere both in an individual capacity as well as a team member. The position works under the direct supervision of an assigned Company Officer (Captain) and the general supervision of an assigned Shift Commander (Battalion Chief).

APPOINTMENT CRITERIA

- Must be a current Firefighter/EMT or Firefighter/Paramedic with a minimum of two years of experience with the department.
- Must have met minimum training requirements listed within the Firefighter job description.
- Must have obtained AFA Driver Operator certification.
- Must possess a valid state issue driver’s license without record of suspension or revocation.
- Must pass a written and practical Civil Service examination.
- Must pass the department physical agility examination.
- Must pass a required physical examination.
- Must possess ability to work with department computer word processors, record management systems, and other electronic mediums.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Safely and efficiently drives apparatus to fire, rescue, and emergency medical calls.
- Safely and efficiently positions, sets ups, and operates fire apparatus with and without direction
- Performs a variety of technical and manual labor activities and duties as required to operate fire pumps, aerial devices, generators, portable power and hand equipment and tools, connecting hoses to nozzles, apparatus, fire hydrants, appliances, and facility fire control devices; pulling, stretching,

deploying and advancing fire attack hoses and water supply hoses; applying visual, sensory, technical and judgmental skills to identify and evaluate fire and rescue considerations; carrying, positioning, raising, climbing and working from various types of ground and aerial ladders; selecting and working with various hand and power tools. locate, control, and extinguish fires including but not limited to:

- Uses advanced technical knowledge of hose practices, performs complex hydraulic formulas for fire flows and friction loss equations etc. and applies in emergency settings.
- Inspects, maintains, cleans, stocks, and loads various firefighting, rescue, and EMS related tools, equipment, and supplies on department apparatus, units, and vehicles.
- Performs daily, weekly, and monthly apparatus and equipment inspections and tests and completes record keeping measures of inspection, test completions.
- Uses, wears, and maintains various types of personal protective clothing and gear including self contained breathing apparatus, safety gear including helmets, gloves, pants, coats, boots, climbing harness, ropes, water suits, goggles, fully encapsulating hazardous materials suits, etc.
- Uses various communications equipment in both emergency and non-emergency environments including two radios, telephones, cell phones, computers, etc.
- Participates in and ensures apparatus and equipment is properly returned to service after incidents, usage, and or training events.
- Participates in training classes and drills to maintain and enhance firefighting and emergency medical techniques, participates in and may instruct “in station” training activities.
- Works with computers to write reports, enter maintenance work orders, etc. as required.

OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS

- Delivers public fire and life safety education programs, tours, lectures, etc.
- Cleans, maintains, and performs minor repairs to fire stations and grounds.
- Inspects, cleans, tests, and maintains fire hydrants and other related equipment and records such activities
- Performs other duties as assigned by superiors.
- May perform as an Acting Officer if qualified and so certified.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

REQUIREMENTS OF WORK

Requires considerable technical training beyond the high school level in fire science technology, operation of fire apparatus, emergency medical care, hazardous materials response, and various technical rescue methodologies to provide the following knowledge, skills, and abilities:

- Sound working knowledge of all emergency techniques and procedures authorized by the SFD or other nationally recognized good practice.
- Thorough knowledge of all policies, rules and regulations, and procedures of the City, Civil Service Commission, and Fire Department.

- Thorough knowledge of all apparatus used by the department and its use, operation, maintenance requirements, and locations of fire fighting, ems, rescue, haz-mat, special operations, and other emergency equipment tools and
- Working knowledge of fire chemistry, building construction, fire and building codes, inspection principles and practices, emergency operations, EMS care giving.
- Working knowledge of the Incident Command System and the ability to function within it in emergency situations.
- Thorough knowledge of the physical layout of the city, streets, major target hazards, water supply systems, and hydrants.
- Working knowledge of city water systems, hydrant locations, alarm systems, automatic sprinkler system fire department connections, and KNOX box locations.
- Ability to operate apparatus and equipment safely, appropriately, and effectively in both emergency and non-emergency environments.
- Ability to understand and follow verbal and written orders and instructions.
- Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergency situations and to determine proper courses of action
- Ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing.
- Ability and skills necessary to operate computer software.
- Ability to work with complex instruments and equipment.
- Ability to adapt with changing situations.
- Physical and mental ability and endurance to work within physically threatening and stressful situations in harsh and adverse climate and atmospheric conditions.
- Ability to maintain Arkansas state EMT certification.
- Ability to maintain personal physical fitness consistent with department standards.